

Charlotte Democrat.
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Banks and Private Bankers.

A new law passed by the last legislature provides: "That all incorporated banking institutions now organized or that may hereafter be organized, under the laws of this State, whether savings or general, and all private bankers, shall be required to make to the State Treasurer statements of their financial condition, at such times as the Treasurer may call for them, not less than twice in each and every year, and also shall publish such statements in condensed form as published by the national banks, in some newspaper published and printed in the city or town where such banking business is carried on, and if none there, then in a newspaper published in the town nearest thereto."

"That any banking institution failing to comply with the provisions of this act for a period longer than ten days after being called upon by the State Treasurer for a statement shall be subject to a penalty of three hundred dollars," &c., &c.

In compliance with this law Treasurer Bain is looking up the various banking institutions of the State and calling for statements. On account of the great number of private banking institutions in the State, he is experiencing some difficulty in finding them. There is no provision for a systematic "looking them up" and the Treasurer is wholly dependent upon replies to inquiries sent to county officers for his information of them. Individuals operating such institutions would do well to examine the law and prepare their returns. From these returns the condition of the banking interests of the State may be fully learned and irresponsible parties, if there be any, show up. So far, returns have been received from over half the counties of the State and others are daily being made. The returns will also be of material use in adjusting the bank tax. It should be remembered, that while the Treasurer has no authority to compel the publication of the statement, the law requires it.—*Raleigh Observer.*

[Let the law be strictly enforced.]

Divisions about Theological Teachings.

The Board of Visitors of the Andover Theological Seminary, have announced their decision in the Professors' cases in that institution charged with teaching doctrines contrary to the creed prescribed by the founders. The charges against Prof. Egbert C. Smyth are sustained, and his chair declared vacant. The charge against the other Professors are not sustained. The points of error sustained in the case of Prof. Smyth are: "That the Bible is not the only perfect rule of faith and practice, but is fallible and untrustworthy, even in some of its religious teachings;" "that no man has power or capacity to repent without knowledge of God in Christ;" "that there is, and will be, probation after death for all men who do not decisively reject Christ during the earthly life." Every fair-minded man who has any knowledge of the creed to which the founders of Andover Seminary intended to bind its teachers will admit the finding of the Board of Visitors, in the case of Prof. Smyth, is just. No jugglery of words can conceal the fact that the views of the Professor and the creed of the founders is in irreconcilable collision.—*Nashville Advocate.*

Extension of the Carolina Central Railroad from Shelby to the Cranberry Mines via Morganton. The Shelby Aurora of July 7th says:

"After a long preliminary skirmish, Col. S. McD. Tate, President of the Southwestern Railway, and Judge Avery, came here on the memorable and patriotic Fourth of July and signed a contract with the commissioners of Cleveland county, J. T. Bostick, chairman, to build this road on or before January 1st, 1889. The contract is almost a copy of the former contract made with the Boston Construction Company and with nearly identical conditions and safeguards.

President Tate signed the contract to begin the survey on September 1, 1887; to begin grading on good faith, and with a good force of hands on or before November 1, 1887, and to complete with track the road through Cleveland county on or before January 1, 1889. So the prospect for a road through Cleveland as near the centre as practicable cheers the hearts of the upper portion of our county and we hope that these promises will come to fruition as Col. Tate, Judge Avery and Maj. Wilson are reliable, prudent and conservative business men, who are aided by capitalists from New York, Chicago and England. They claim to have the company formed ready to go to work. Maj. Wilson, one of the best surveyors in the United States, is now surveying near Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, and will begin at Shelby on the survey through the centre or Maj. Schenck's route first, in three weeks from today. He will survey the three routes, report costs and estimates and then locate the route.

"There ought to be some plan to make North Carolina teachers learn the children some of the history of their State—at least the number of the counties, their names, county seats or cities, prominent cities, towns, villages, &c. It is a shame to know the ignorance that prevails among scholars, and the ignorance of colleges in North Carolina about their own State and its geography."—*Charlotte Democrat.*

We question if there are a dozen teachers in the State who can name the capital of each of the counties in the State; and we do not doubt that there are a dozen teachers in Iredell county who could not answer with certainty whether any one of a dozen counties which might be named, is east or west, north or south of Iredell. The ignorance about North Carolina on the part of many persons who should be able to teach the children of the State all about it, is deplorable. It's not "Nathaniel," you know, to teach children anything about North Carolina.—*Statesville Landmark.*

The North Carolina Board of Pharmacy will meet in Asheville, August 2d and 3d, for the examination of the applicants to practice pharmacy in the State. At the same time and place the N. C. Pharmaceutical Association will meet in annual session. Particulars may be obtained from Wm. Simpson, Secretary, Raleigh, Druggist.

Judge Bond is in some little trouble just now in Virginia, where he has been attempting to run the State government, according to his own ideas. The Richmond Whig has proved that he did not understand the law when he issued one of his famous restraining orders. We have great respect for the judiciary, but we doubt whether Judge Bond would not be a better attorney than an expounder of the law.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

The Crop Report.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—The statistician of the Department of Agriculture reports a further extension of the Corn area of about one and a half million of acres—an increase of two per cent over the acreage of 1886. The season has been fairly favorable, both for planting and for growth, and the condition is high, averaging 95.7, which differs little from the July condition of the past three years, and is materially higher than for the three years preceding 1884. The great corn-growing States which furnish the surplus average nearly 99 in condition.

Potatoes.—There has been an increase of 2 per cent in the acreage of potatoes, the largest rate of advance being in Dakota, Kansas and Nebraska. The condition and average is 93, which is little below the July averages of the previous three years.

Tobacco.—There is apparently a decline of about one-sixth in the tobacco area, in which nearly all the tobacco growing States participate. The average of the condition is 84, a lower July figure than for several years.

Cotton.—The status of the cotton crop has not declined since the last report. In the southeast there is a slight reduction, compensated by a small advance in the States west of the Mississippi. The average is 87, which is four points higher than the average for July in the previous ten years. It was exceeded in 1878 and 1880, and nearly equalled in July of 1881 and 1884, which were years of small production. There have been but two July records below 90 since 1873. The State averages are: Virginia 98, North Carolina 96, South Carolina 95, Florida 95, Alabama 98, Mississippi 95, Louisiana 98, Texas 93, Arkansas 99, Tennessee 98. The crop is under unusually clean cultivation. There are few reports of injury from excessive moisture and few of drought. The cotton worm is indicated in very few localities.

The Children's Health.

The season is at hand when the mortality among children is a topic of remark, but when that season comes, remarks are of little use. The mischief often begins long before the effect appears. Parents say, when they are advised to give their children plain and simple food, and to deny them stimulating drinks like tea and coffee: "Oh, nothing hurts my children; I let them have whatever is on the table." In the cool months this may seem to be the case. Boys stuff themselves with indigestible food day after day without showing any signs of being injured, and then in the dog-days suddenly collapse without any special cause.

It is with children as it is with us, their elders; the punishment of their errors is often long delayed. They weaken their digestion in the winter and die of it in August. The time to regulate the diet of the young is all the time. Physicians who practice in the populous parts of the cities have often remarked that the mortality is greatest just when most vacations are taken, and when the children themselves are afraid to eat improper things.

They have been wrongly fed for eleven months; their digestive apparatus has been daily overworked; its reserve of force is all expended. Then comes a long hot term, and we are appalled by the news of hundreds of deaths a day among the children.

Nine Men Killed.—COLUMBIA, S. C., July 10.—Late last evening a party of nine workmen were employed grading a portion of the Georgia, Carolina and Northern Railroad, in Chester County, sixteen miles from Fort Mill. The party were blasting rock, and had on hand about one thousand pounds of giant powder. The camp where the majority of the men were was some distance from the blasting party. Just before sunset a terrible explosion was heard, but no attention was paid to it. Last night none of the workmen returned to the camp, and this morning search was made for them. When near the place where the blasting had been going on, a large floor of rock was seen upon the trees. The searching party made a horrible discovery. The thousand pounds of powder had prematurely exploded and not a man was left to tell the tale. Two mules were also killed. A spark from an iron bar which was being hammered is supposed to have ignited the powder.

The State Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, under the able and perfect arrangements for purchasing the necessary furniture for the new Supreme Court room, and for properly fitting up the State library. The building will soon be completed and it will be occupied at once. Arrangements were also made for procuring additional furniture for the offices of the State Auditor and the Secretary of State. When the new building should be occupied the Secretary of State's office will be moved into the rooms in the capitol now occupied by the Supreme Court, and the present office of the Secretary of State, will be added to the present Auditor's office, thereby giving each office much needed additional room.—*Raleigh Observer, July 11th.*

[Rather too expensive.]

A Fool Girl.—ASHEVILLE, July 11.—Miss Viola Meets, daughter of a prominent citizen of Graham county, was to have been married on Sunday, the 3d inst., to John Ammons, of the same county. The match was opposed by the father of Miss Meets, who armed himself on the day of the proposed wedding, and swore he would kill Ammons if he appeared on his premises. The daughter said she preferred to marry with her father's consent but would marry Ammons that day or die. Her father violently refusing, she slipped into an adjoining room. Her father went into the room shortly afterwards and the daughter was a corpse, and in her hand was a vial labeled "strychnine."

The Queen of Berries.

It may be said with absolute certainty, that the blackberry, common in hedge rows, old fields, &c., all over the Southern country, is the queen of berries. It comes to us as freely and almost as certainly as the sunshine and the rains. It is rich in the elements of health food—salty, gummy and preserved for winter use, and esteemed as mean only by those who are foolish enough to turn up the nose at things so inexpensive and common. There is no fruit so easily obtained nor so easily kept, dried, or preserved in sugar, or by preserving powders; and none so constantly ready for use in the family. We are just now in the midst of the blackberry season, and not a family should fail to store a supply for winter use.

Good housekeepers who are expected to prepare such stores for the table, will find themselves frequently rewarded through the winter if prepared to bring this fruit into use in their families.—*Salisbury Watchman.*

THE GUILFORD COURT HOUSE BATTLE GROUND.—The Guilford Battle Ground Company, an incorporation recently formed for the purpose of beautifying the old Guilford battle ground, four miles north of Greensboro, N. C., are going to work in earnest and are meeting with some very substantial encouragement. Messrs. McGalliard and Hulse, granite dealers at the spot, and others have contributed brick and lumber for the building of a pavilion. The spot is on the line of the C. F. & Y. V. railroad, and when all the arrangements are perfected, bids fair to be a popular resort.

Voyage in a Canoe.

U. S. Engineers Exploring the Catawba River. Capt. W. H. Bixby, and Lieut. H. Taylor, of the U. S. Engineer Corps, stationed in this city, recently returned from an expedition on the Catawba river, something similar to the one made by them a few years since on the Yadkin and Great Pee Dee and recounted in the Star.

They started in a canoe from Catawba Station, on the Western North Carolina Railroad, about fifty miles beyond Charlotte, and terminated their voyage at Camden, S. C., about one hundred and forty miles from the starting point.

The trip was a pleasant and agreeable one, the voyage being accomplished without serious accident, yet it was full of exciting situations. They found that the Catawba river has a more uniform slope than the Yadkin—the average fall being about the same. They passed a number of falls and rapids, some of these being quite difficult to descend. Their experience in the Yadkin river, however, stood them in good stead and enabled them to surmount all difficulties without even a docking. They were nearly five days in making the trip.

The crop prospect along the river is excellent—farmers with whom they conversed all along the route saying that they had no such promise for magnificent crops of all kinds for years past. They were impressed with the contented air and the energy and industry displayed by the farming community of the section of country they passed through.

The scenery is superior, if anything, to that of the Yadkin. At Guyden's Falls the river contracts, so that it is not more than eighty feet in width and rushes through the narrow gorge with great velocity. The hills rise abruptly on each side, their rugged outlines adding to the picturesque of the scene.

Careful notes were taken of the trip and diagrams made from which maps will be prepared to accompany Capt. Bixby's report and recommendation to the Department at Washington, relative to the improvement of the river for navigation.—*Wilmington Star, July 1th.*

The Grape Crop.

The black rot struck some of the vineyards in this section about the 12th or 15th of June, and lasted for nearly two weeks. It has probably run its race, so that the fruit yet remaining on the vines may be expected to ripen in due time.

Our fellow citizen, Mr. Wm. Murdoch, who lost his entire crop last year by this disease, took the alarm in June and had resort to a springing of spraying process, and it was a wonderful fact that only a few bunches of grapes were lost, and the spread of the disease. The result was far from satisfactory. On some of the varieties of grapes treated, the Concord, for instance, there was no perceptible effect. On other varieties, the Delaware and Norton Virginia, the effect was damaging; the latter, notably so, destroying both foliage and fruit. Fortunately, the loss was limited to only a part of his crop, so that his loss will not be serious.

The Agricultural Department at Washington published, a year ago, all the information that could be gathered from California to Michigan, on the subject of this disease, and prevention with the various remedies and preventatives that had been tried, and it is a surprising fact that only two of these are mentioned as reliable. One of them is, bagging the fruit bunches (paper bags) when the berries are about half grown; the other, carefully gathering up the diseased berries as they fall, and burning them, or burying them eight or ten inches in the ground. This last method is to be kept up from year to year, as long as the disease shows itself, about three years being required to destroy the germ which produces the rot.—*Salisbury Watchman.*

Foreign Paupers.

The Collector of the port of Boston has imposed a fine of one thousand dollars upon a steamship company for landing a pauper Irish woman from one of their vessels after notice had been given to the company that she must be taken back. Secretary Bayard has served notice upon the English government in very emphatic language that the United States is not to be considered the almshouse of the world, and that it is a surprising fact that only two of these are mentioned as reliable.

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State News.

THE SALE OF THE VANCE PROPERTY.—As was anticipated a very large crowd, including a large number of visitors, assembled on the grounds yesterday to attend the sale of the valuable property offered by Senator Vance. Every one at all acquainted with Asheville knows of the value of this property, owing to its location. It was divided into eleven lots, going as follows: Lot No. 1, Spruce street, sold to Mr. J. W. Wadsworth of Charlotte, for \$2,850. Lot No. 4, College street, sold to Hon. R. Y. McAden for \$3,000. At this point Senator Vance, not thinking the property was bringing its worth, withdrew the remainder of the property and no further sales took place.—*Asheville Citizen, July 10th.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA is a worthy and first-class institution of learning, rejoicing in a century's growth and strength. There the editor spent many profitable hours and we gladly commend this venerable institution to our young men desiring of securing an education. An education pays and we do not limit it to the sordid sense of its money value. It pays in many ways grander than the money value. It gives a man the power to get on in the world, and the right kind of "grit" can secure an education if he so wills.—*Shelby Aurora.*

THE DAVENPORT-MCKEE CASE.—If you will publish in your paper that the case of Davenport McKee will be tried at Shelby on the 15th of August, you will greatly oblige me and will also do a favor to a considerable number of citizens of Gaston who are summoned as witnesses in the case. The court begins on the 8th of August and the subpoena all require the attendance of the witnesses on the first day of the court, viz: the 8th of August; but the case was set for hearing on Monday of the second week, viz: the 15th, and there is no need for the witnesses to appear before that day. G. F. BAXON.

HE CUT HIS THROAT.—Elkanah Damm, who lives about three miles east of Hickory, committed suicide last Tuesday night by cutting his throat. No reason can be assigned for the rash act, except that he was suffering from mental aberration. It seems that he was given to fits of despondency and they had become so frequent that his family apprehended no danger therefrom. On the night he killed himself he was suffering from one of these fits. He went out of the house, and, not returning, his family went out to look for him and found him in the yard with his throat cut.—*Hickory Press.*

WE see that Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates of this city, has been elected a member of the "Institute of Christian Philosophy" of New York city. Dr. Yates is one of the ablest members of the North Carolina Conference and the compliment is fittingly bestowed.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

Bishop J. S. Key will reach North Carolina about the 26th of July, and will attend the Salisbury District Conference at Salisbury, July 28-31; the Trinity College District Conference at Franklinville, August 3-7; and the Statesville District Conference at Elkin, August 17-21.

At the recent meeting of tobaccoists in Greensboro, it was decided to hold the Tobacco Convention at Morehead City on the 17th of August.

ROAD HANDS.—For the information of the overseers of public roads we would state that they will hereafter have more hands to work their roads than heretofore. According to the late laws, as contained in section 2059 of the Code, the following persons were exempt from working on the roads, viz: justices of the peace, constables, ferrymen, keepers of public grist mills, county commissioners and teachers and pupils of schools. The last Legislature, however, repealed this law, and all those exempted persons will now have to work the roads just like other folks. The only persons between eighteen and forty five years old, who can be exempted now, are those who are physically disabled or infirm.—*Pittsboro Record.*

Dr. W. B. Pritchard, son of Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard of this city, has recently formed a co-partnership with Dr. A. W. Gossett in New York, we are pleased to learn, and doing well. The extraordinary success of Dr. Pritchard in a "Goldboro boy" is truly gratifying.—*Wilmington Messenger.*

Alfred D. Jones, Esq., of Raleigh, has been appointed Counselor at Law for the State Fair of 1887. He is that wide awake and energetic young lawyer and farmer familiarly known as "Back" Jones.

Of six North Carolina candidates for citizenship at West Point only three were successful—Carter of Statesville; Settle, son of Judge Settle of Greensboro, and Gidney of Shelby.

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President Cleveland meets some North Carolinians.

[From the Editorial Correspondence of the Raleigh Signal, Republican paper.]

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Messrs. W. G. Updehorst, President of the North Carolina Agricultural Society; R. H. Battle, W. H. Pace, T. H. Briggs, James I. McKee, Editor of the Raleigh Observer, and the Editor of the Signal, left Raleigh Friday morning, July 1st, for this place as a committee representing the Agricultural Society, to extend an invitation to President Cleveland to visit the State Fair commencing on the 18th of October next, and closing on the 21st. Our journey to Weldon was without incident, save the turn of the conversation among the members of the committee, which partook of a variety of subjects, interspersed with numerous anecdotes. At Weldon we were fortunate in meeting Senator Ransom, who came on to Washington by Richmond and the committee proceeded on by Portsmouth.

At 6 p. m. we boarded the magnificent steamer, Carolina. There were not a great many passengers and the accommodation was ample for all. We arrived in Baltimore on schedule time and immediately left for this city where we arrived at 8:45 a. m. In the meantime, Senator Ransom had seen the President and arranged for the committee to call at the White House promptly at 1 o'clock. At this hour the committee were in the White House, and attended by Senator Ransom, who took us immediately to the Cabinet room. We waited for a few minutes and then Senator Ransom led us into another room where we were introduced to the President. Mr. Battle was spokesman and presented the resolutions of the society and the letters of Gov. Scales, Chief Justice Smith and others of our leading citizens throughout the State. The President then engaged in a conversation with the Senator and the committee in which they were introduced to the President. 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